

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace indicated paragraphs of the specification with replacement paragraphs presented indicated below. Appendix II is attached hereto having marked versions of said indicated paragraphs with amendments indicated by brackets and underlining.

Page 1:        between the title and the 1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph, insert the following heading:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION:**

1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph, change to read as follows:

The invention relates to harvesting equipment for harvesting corn or similar stalk-like harvested crops.

Between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> full paragraphs, insert the following heading:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION:**

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